

Application No. 10/586,478

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**AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION**

Replace the paragraph bridging pages 24 and 25 with the following:

The optical disc apparatus 20 shown in Fig. 1 includes a spindle motor 22 for revolving an optical disk 15, an optical pickup apparatus 23, a seek motor 21 for driving the optical pickup apparatus 23 in the sledge direction, a laser control circuit 24, an encoder 25, a servo control circuit 26, a reproduced signal processing circuit 28, a buffer RAM 34, a buffer manager 37, an interface 38, a flash memory 39, a CPU 40, and a RAM 41. Arrows shown in Fig. 1 only ~~illustrates~~ illustrate the flows of main signals and information items, and are not intended to represent all the connections between the blocks.

Replace the paragraph at page 27, line 3, with the following:

The light source unit 51 is implemented by use of a semiconductor laser LD, which serves as a light source for emitting laser light having a wavelength of 660 nm. According to the first embodiment, the laser light emitted from the light source unit 51 has the ~~[[maxim]]~~ maximum strength in the +X direction. On the +X side of the light source unit 51 is situated the coupling lens 52, which turns a light beam emitted from the light source unit 51 into parallel light.